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## Safety 101 Days of Summer

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GI Bill... hot off the press



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### 174th Fighter Wing Vision and Mission Statements



#### Vision Statement

Our Vision is a world class fighter wing comprised of diverse individuals empowered to meet all challengers, and win. We accept nothing less.

#### Mission Statement

Provide combat ready personnel, aircraft, and equipment prepared for world wide deployment. To deter or attack and destroy enemy surface and airborne forces in support of joint operations; and to support civil authorities at the direction of the governor.

# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

For the last seven months my comments have centered around the amount of activity we here at Hancock Field have been sustaining. For this month I'd like to shift our focus onto the topic of safety. Don't skip to the next page just yet; I know you're thinking that this will be another in an endless stream of safety briefings you have endured throughout your career, pleading with you or threatening you. If that's what it takes for you to go home at the end of the day without injury to yourself or our equipment, then I'm ready to plead or threaten, but I'm guessing that most Air Force people are past the point where they will "be safe" because the commander directs them to be. Instead, I would like everyone to consider what's in it for you and the people who are important to you. First and foremost, you want to keep yourself intact for the most basic and obvious reason – for your own good. Your family and friends would probably like to see you around as well. Here at the Guard we want you healthy and fully functioning for the most selfish of reasons – we can't afford to replace anyone. It's just too hard and costly a process to recruit and train people. And as for our equipment; the biggest ticket item we have here are our F-16s, and unfortunately, they are virtually irreplaceable in today's fiscal environment. No new ones are being built, which means the loss of even a single aircraft can have dire consequences for the health of a unit.

Okay, I've identified why we should "be safe"; the real question is how can we be safe? Unfortunately, there is no easy answer. I think our best bet to remain safe is to not take things for granted or to be complacent. For example, we have spent a lot of time and energy developing procedures and checklists for virtually every function on base. Most of them are used constantly and have become second nature. For those we are not familiar with,

we haul out the regs and checklists, familiarize ourselves and then perform the task at hand. Of the two types of tasks, the familiar and unfamiliar, which of the two do think causes us the most trouble? The familiar, and by a wide margin. Because we have done the task so many times we do not take the time to review. We also speed through the task with the confidence of familiarity exposing ourselves to the risk of distraction or interruption. The solution? Slow down; periodically review the task instructions, ask for peer feedback ("How does that look to you?") Take nothing for granted; just because we've always done it that way doesn't mean that it's right. And finally assess the importance and risk of what you are doing; if the payoff is low the acceptable risk should be low as well. What about off duty safety? We typically have many more people injured and killed in non-work related accidents, and the majority of those happen during the period the Air Force calls "The 101 Critical Days" of summer. The same techniques you use at work to prevent a mishap are equally valid at home or while engaged in recreation.

One of the few real gems to come out of the quality movement was the concept that you can't inspect in quality, and in the same sense you can't brief in safety. You must begin with the right attitude, an awareness of the potential risk, and a conscious decision to conduct yourself in the safest means available that is appropriate to the situation. In other words, be safe!



**Colonel Robert Knauff**  
174th FW, Commander

## Graduation Time

By Chief Master Sgt. Ted Mosley, 174th FW Command Chief



It is graduation time for the dependents of unit members. A few years ago, I read an article on a speech presented by the famous Bill Gates at a high school graduation. This speech stuck with me and I think the time is appropriate to pass it on to the young adults that are about to enter the real world. This speech is about 11 rules they did not

teach in high school.

**Rule 1.** Life is not fair – get used to it.

**Rule 2.** The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

**Rule 3.** You will not make 40 thousand dollars a year right out of high school...nor will you be a corporate Vice-President with a car phone until you earn both.

**Rule 4.** If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss. He or she doesn't have tenure.

**Rule 5.** Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping---they called it opportunity.

**Rule 6.** If you mess up, it's not your parent's fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

**Rule 7.** Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as

they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

**Rule 8.** Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

**Rule 9.** Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

**Rule 10.** Television is NOT real life. In REAL life people actually have to leave the bed and go to work.

**Rule 11.** Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

The advice that Mr. Gates gave is reality. What graduates choose to do with it will probably make or break their future. I think we all know what it did for his success in life.



**Command Chief**  
Master Sgt. Mosley





## Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Lt. Col) R. Paul Mathis, 174th FW



Chaplain LT. Col.  
Paul Mathis,

Over the next year we will center our thoughts and ideas on core values. Chaplain Vargo wrote about Integrity and how this value is the jewel in our life and how it forms how we think about ourselves and others. Last month, Chaplain Decker brought up the value of Courage and how it can be seen as grace under pressure. This month I would like to talk about the core value of Honesty.

General Curtis Le May states: "Honesty is the hallmark of the military professional because in the military our word must be our bond. We don't pencil-whip training reports, we don't cover up tech data violations, we don't falsify documents, and we don't write misleading operational readiness messages. The bottom line is we don't lie, and we can't justify any deviation".

Many of our core values are taken from the natural law, which says, "Do good and avoid evil. All life giving and growing civilizations seem to codify and bring to attention the value of honesty as an important ingredient for order and harmony. When we bear false witness against another or lie to cover up wrongs, all society is at risk. We can look at the Enron scandal to see terrible disharmony and chaos.

George Washington stated many years ago, "I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man".

We too are called and sent forth to show our world that the core value of honesty has to be one of the key hinges that contribute to the smooth sailing of life for today and tomorrow.

## What Is A Vet?

By Father Denis Edward O'Brien, USMC

Some veterans bear visible signs of their service: a missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in their eye. Others may carry the evidence inside them: a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg - or perhaps another sort of inner steel: a soul forged in the refinery of adversity. Except in parades, however, the men and women who have kept America safe wear no badge or emblem. You can't tell a vet just by looking.

What is a vet?

- He is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.
- He is the barroom loudmouth, dumber than five wooden planks, whose overgrown frat-boy behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel.
- She - or he - is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang.
- He is the POW who went away one person and came back another -or- didn't come back AT ALL.
- He is the Quantico drill instructor that

has never seen combat - but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy, no-account rednecks and gang members into Marines, and teaching them to watch each other's backs.

- He is the parade - riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.
- He is the career quartermaster who watches the ribbons and medals pass him by.
- He is the three anonymous heroes in The Tomb Of The Unknowns, whose presence at the Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valor dies unrecognized with them on the battlefield or in the ocean's sunless deep.
- He is the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket - palsied now and aggravatingly slow - who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.
- He is an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being, a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs.
- He is a soldier and a savior and a

sword against the darkness, and he is nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest nation ever known.

So remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say Thank You. That's all most people need, and in most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been awarded or were awarded.

Two little words that mean a lot, "THANK YOU".

Remember, November 11th is Veterans Day.

One fine man probably summarized it best...

"It is the soldier, not the reporter, Who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, Who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, Who has given us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag."

# Air National Guard Dominates the Skies in War Against Terrorism

By Matt Kelley, Associated Press  
Master Sgt. Jeff R. Wallace, 174<sup>th</sup> EnGarde Editor

Most of the U.S. pilots helping to strike enemy forces in Afghanistan, move cargo to the war zone and refuel fighter planes are part-timers in Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units.

They have full-time experience flying planes in and out of combat, however, and Pentagon leaders say they are just as competent as their counterparts in the full-time military.

Many Air National Guard pilots are also commercial airline pilots and have more experience than active-duty pilots, said Reggie Saville, an Air National Guard spokesman at the Pentagon.

"That whole weekend warrior concept is an old terminology," Saville said. "I talked to an F-16 pilot from South Dakota who has 3,500 flight hours, and he's about average for his unit. You don't get that much experience in a typical four-to-six-year term on active duty. That's a lot of flying."

Air National Guard and reserve units make up between 60 percent and 80 percent of the Air Force personnel serving

in the Afghan war against Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorists and Taliban fighters, Saville said.

President Bush has called up more than 17,000 for active duty overseas, part of a total of more than 53,000 activated

ber of the Colorado National Guard.

Air Guard and reserve units also are helping to patrol above U.S. cities such as the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing from Syracuse New York, provide security at airports and nuclear power plants, and replace active-duty Air Force personnel sent overseas. Air National Guard units also have regular monthlong rotations patrolling the no fly zones over northern and southern Iraq.

The guard and reserve units fly fighter and bomber jets, cargo planes and refueling tankers. They also fill some specialized missions: The 193rd Special Operations Wing of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard was the only unit to provide airborne "Commando Solo" radio broadcasts into Afghanistan during the early months of the conflict.



Personnel from the 174th Fighter Wing pose in front of an F-16 Fighting Falcon while stationed at Prince Sultan Air Force Base in support of an AEF mission.

since Sept. 11.

Air Force guard and reserve soldiers serve in combat roles and, though none has been killed, they and other part-time soldiers have come into harm's way in Afghanistan. One of four soldiers recently killed in an explosion was a mem-

The Air Force and other services have come to rely heavily on guard and reserve units in recent years as bases closed and the number of soldiers shrank. All 28 Air National Guard units that fly F-16s have been activated for the anti-terror campaign.

## MAJ CHRIS PELOZA REACHES 3000 IN THE VIPER

By Capt Angel Figueroa, 138th FS, Pilot

On June 27, 2001 Maj. Chris "Tuna P" Pelozo reached the 3000 hours mark flying the F-16. Maj. Pelozo is the 60<sup>th</sup> pilot in the world to reach 3000 hours in the "Viper", as we pilots like to call the F-16. Since "Tuna P" has been in the unit, he has been the Weapons Officer, Chief of Scheduling and Training, and currently he is the Chief of Standardization and Evaluation. Prior Active Duty assignments for Maj. Pelozo include Kunsan, Korea; Shaw AFB, SC; Spangdahlem AB, Germany; Nellis AFB, NV. During Desert Storm he led his peers into Iraq on several combat missions. While at Nellis AFB, he served as an Instructor at the USAF Fighter Weapons School. His experience as a Fighter Pilot has improved the unit's proficiency and combat capability. Congratulate Maj. Pelozo next time you see him.



Major Chris Pelozo, 138th FS, Pilot.

# 101 Critical Days of Summer

By Senior Master Sgt. Mark Atkinson, Ground Safety Manager

The 101 Critical days of summer kicks off on Memorial Day and ends Labor Day. Historically speaking, this is the time frame that we experience the greatest loss of life while engaged in off-duty activities. It's the time of year to experience the great outdoors and all the recreation activities that it provides us. Some of these recreational activities have risk associated with them. We are exposed to risk all the time. Just driving to work presents a certain degree of exposure to risk. Our risk exposure generally goes up during the 101 Critical Days of Summer. Personal Risk Management (PRM) can help to manage that risk to an acceptable level. Distributed throughout the base and available at Y:/base/safety/101days/personal risk assessment is the ACC summer guide to PRM. There are many activities covered in this guide. Air Force wide we are having a terrible year with Private Motor Vehicle (PMV) fatalities. We have lost 42 AF personnel to PMV accidents already and we are not even into the 101 days. Last year at this time there were 23 PMV fatalities. As you can see this is an unacceptable trend. The following is some risk management contained in the PRM guide regarding Operating Motor Vehicles:

## Step 1: IDENTIFY THE HAZARDS:

Let's look at the hazards associated

with Private Motor Vehicle (PMV) operations:

### Vehicle crashes associated with:

- ◆ Weather (rain, slippery roads, and poor visibility)
- ◆ Road conditions (construction, pavement quality, loose surface material, narrow two-lane roads)
- ◆ Traffic (tourists and travelers).
- ◆ Impaired drivers (intoxication, exhaustion)
- ◆ Animals/Wildlife (dogs, deer, moose, bears, caribou)
- ◆ Unseen situations
- ◆ Becoming stranded

## Step 2: ASSESS THE RISK:

Then assess the impact of each hazard in terms of potential loss and severity:

- ◆ Severe injury and death may result from any PMV crash associated with the stated hazards
- ◆ Being stranded can, and has, cost lives

## Step 3: ANALYZE RISK CONTROL MEASURES:

Once you have identified the hazards and assessed the associated risk, you should decide on some controls that can be employed to reduce or mitigate the hazards:

- ◆ Check the weather and drive accordingly. Don't take chances with summer rain. The roads may become slippery and visibility may be poor
- ◆ Check for tire tread depth and windshield wiper operation
- ◆ Listen to local radio stations for road conditions
- ◆ Travel outside of peak-travel times. Drive knowing that you may be slowed by construction, accidents, or for other untold reasons. Keep road rage caged!
- ◆ DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE. Use a designated driver program. Get plenty of rest before venturing out of town

- ◆ Be ready for wildlife at all times, a moose or other animals can step in front of your vehicle at any time
- ◆ Drive defensively and be especially cautious on roads you have not previously traveled
- ◆ Check into alternate methods of traveling; consider taking a train to your destination
- ◆ Take spare parts and tools on extended trips. Ensure you have items to sustain life: food, water, and heat



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Mark Atkinson

## Step 4: MAKE CONTROL DECISIONS:

Accept the risk, avoid the risk, reduce the risk, or spread the risk. Do not make dumb decisions.

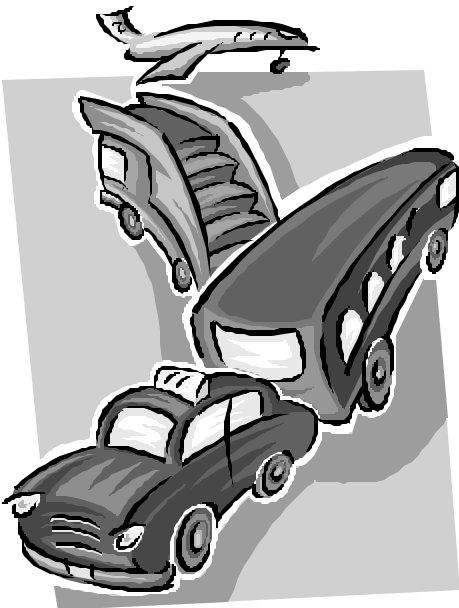
## Step 5: RISK CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION:

Once you select appropriate controls, use them! A plan is only good if it is followed.

## Step 6: SUPERVISE AND REVIEW:

As always, the situation is subject to change quickly. Monitor the situation and adjust as necessary to keep things under control. Summer is a great time to have fun and we all deserve a break every now and then. From now on, use risk management to make your summer fun, memorable, and safe. No one wants a summer outing to turn into a tragedy!

It may sound like simple guidance and it is! Although risk management provides an informal process to make the right decisions, some AF personnel choose to ignore making the right decision. Resist the pressures to make those wrong decisions. Sometimes the right choice may not be the popular choice. Make the right choice for you and your family, and enjoy summer, after summer, after summer.....





# New GI Bill Monthly Verification Procedures

## Effective June 1

By Senior Master Sgt. Dave Klasen

### What Are The Changes?

**MGIB-SR (Selected Reserve)** The VA (Department of Veterans Affairs) currently sends GI Bill payments automatically on the first of each month. Starting June 1st, you'll need to verify your enrollment each month before they send your education payment for the month. The VA will send you detailed instructions on how to verify your enrollment before the change starts.

**MGIB (Active Duty)** The VA currently sends you a VA Form 22-8979, Student Verification of Enrollment form each month. You can either complete and return the form or submit your verification on the Internet or by touch-tone telephone. They issue your payment shortly after processing the verification. In the near future, they will stop sending the VA Form 22-8979 and you will be required to submit your verification on the Internet or by telephone. The VA will send you detailed instructions on how to verify your enrollment before the change starts.

### Why Is The VA Making These Changes?

**MGIB-SR** Monthly verification has been required in the **MGIB - Active**

**Duty** program since it started in 1985. They are starting monthly verification in the **MGIB - Selected Reserve** program because it has been shown to be a very good way to assure that they:

- ✓ Pay you properly,
- ✓ Avoid overpaying you if you reduce your school enrollment,
- ✓ Avoid creating a debt you may owe to the government, and
- ✓ Reduce the overall cost of collecting debts.

**MGIB (Active Duty)**

- ✓ It takes less time to process your verification,
- ✓ It results in payment being sent to you faster, and
- ✓ It reduces the costs of processing monthly verifications.

### How Will This Affect Your Payments?

With these changes, the date you receive your check will depend on when you verify your enrollment. You will be able to verify your enrollment for the month on the last day of the month and after. The VA will issue your payment within 7 days after you submit your verification. If you verify your enrollment at the same time each month, and

your enrollment is unchanged, your monthly payments will still arrive about one month apart. You will get your payment faster if you:

- ✓ Verify your enrollment promptly at the end of each month.
- ✓ Sign up for Direct Deposit, if you haven't already done so.



Senior Master Sgt  
Dave Klasen

### What Is The VA Doing to Make Verifying Your Enrollment Easy?

- ✓ Making it possible for you to verify your enrollment through the Internet.
- ✓ Making it possible for you to verify your enrollment using a touch-tone phone.
- ✓ Both Internet verification and telephone verification are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The VA will send you a reminder with more detailed instructions before implementing these changes. You can get updated information by accessing the VA web page at [www.GIBill.va.gov](http://www.GIBill.va.gov). 174 FW POC for the Montgomery GI Bill Program is Senior Master Sgt. Dave Klasen at extension 161.

## Welcome New Members: March and April 2002

SSgt Robert Tuff, LGS  
Maj Gregory Bembenek, 138 FS  
SSgt Scott Rohlin, 138 FS  
SRA Gary Smith, AGS  
SRA Paulette Gardner, FW  
TSgt Gregory Hukee, MAI  
SSgt Corey Larock, MAI  
SRA Daniel Wright, CES  
Capt Michael Sturgis, 274 ASOS  
SSgt Jamie McCarrick, 274 ASOS

Maj Peter Schafer, 274 ASOS  
Lt Col Richard Smith, 274 ASOS  
AB Scott Brown, Stu Flight  
AB Julie Dillenbeck, Stu Flight  
A1C Toby French, Stu Flight  
A1C Joseph Mondo, Stu Flight  
AB Michael Perry, Stu Flight  
A1C Michael Brody, Stu Flight  
A1C Jerad Dahlstrom, Stu Flight  
A1C Thomas Davis, Stu Flight



**S**tanding very proudly is newly commissioned 2Lt. Elizabeth Rizzo. Known to her friends as Liz, was with the 174<sup>th</sup> Operations Group as Staff Sgt. and now is a 2Lt. with the 152<sup>nd</sup> Intel office. Everyone from 174<sup>th</sup> Ops congratulates and wishes her well.



# Retired Reserve Pay Notes

Submitted by Master Sgt. Terri Scanlin, 174 MSF, NCOIC, Personnel Employment/Relocations

## Transferring to the Retired Reserve vs. being discharged:

When you have completed the requirements for retirement and wish to stop participating in the ANG, it is very important that you elect to transfer to the Retired Reserve in lieu of discharge and possible loss of benefits.

As a member of the Retired Reserve, you will be entitled to an Identification Card which authorizes you to participate in an open mess if authorized by the base commander, fly space available on military flights, have unlimited Base Exchange privileges, and have a maximum of 24 visits per year to the commissary. Also, as a member of the Retired Reserve approximately 4 months prior to your 60th birthday, we will automatically send you all forms required to apply for retired pay. If you elected discharge in lieu of transfer to the Retired Reserve, you must contact HQ ARPC/DPPR on your own in order to receive your retired pay.

## How your retired pay is based:

If you entered the military for the first time before September 8, 1980 your Reserve retired pay will be computed based on the highest pay grade in which you served satisfactorily and the pay

scale in effect when you start drawing retirement pay. If you entered the military for the first time on or after September 8, 1980 you will have your monthly retirement pay computed on the average of the base monthly pay in effect for the 3 years just before you start receiving retired pay. Both of these laws were a result of the Fiscal Year 1981 Defense Authorization Act.

To compute estimated retired pay, you can visit one of the following web sites: Traditional Guard site: <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/dpsse/dos.htm>

AGR site: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsepcalc/eomain.htm>

## Highest grade held (for Traditional Guardsmen):

Normally your retired pay will be computed based on the highest grade held. If you took a voluntary demotion, HQ ARPC has the authority to authorize your retired pay to be calculated in the higher grade. However, if you were demoted for cause, then all information pertinent to your demotion must be forwarded to the Secretary of the Air Force for a grade determination.

**OFFICERS:** If you met a promotion board prior to October 1, 1996, you only

have to have held the grade satisfactorily for 1 day. If you met the board on or after October 1, 1996, you will have to meet the following requirements:

**Voluntary Retirement:** Lieutenant

Colonel and above

must serve satisfactorily in the higher grade for 3 years to receive retired pay in the higher grade. Major and below must serve satisfactorily in the higher grade for 6 months to receive retired pay in the higher grade.

**Involuntary Retirement:** The time in grade for Lieutenant Colonel and above is reduced to 6 months, if involuntarily separated due to Mandatory Separation Date or age. These are the only two reasons that can reduce the time in grade.

**ENLISTED:** Enlisted members must only hold the higher grade for 1 day to receive retired pay in the higher grade.

Visit <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/retirements/retirements.htm> for more information on retirements.



Master Sgt.  
Terri Scanlin



**Heloeagle is located at Joint Reserve Training Center, Ft. Polk, LA**



# Base Announcements

## 15 Aug - 9 Sep State Fair Assistant:

Individual will assist with this year's State Fair with the goal of taking over in 2003. Responsibilities include assisting with set up of static displays, coordinating with local military/veteran's organizations and supervising over 40 personnel.

Annuals training days are available. Great opportunity for teachers and college students! Contact Major O'Brien at 454-6139 for additional information.

## We Need You

The Family readiness Office is looking for Teens to volunteer some hours this summer. Hours of support will count toward community service projects requested by schools, churches and local youth organizations. Please contact Chris Muszynski at 454-6577, or stop by the Family Readiness Office for more details.

**Your Support Will Make A Difference**



**Please check OPORD  
for Dining Hall Menu**



**June UTA  
Pay Date:  
12 June 2002**

**Next UTA  
13-14 July 2002**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PATRIOT EXERCISE

Volunteers are needed for this year's Patriot Exercise at Fort Drum, NY from 28 May to 15 June 02. This is an Aeromedical Exercise involving British and American forces with an enhanced communication package in support of their mission. In addition, there will be U.S. Air Force Laboratory participation in the exercise to test various "home land security" experimental packages. This year's Exercise will be not only exciting, but also relevant for today's training environment. All AFSC's are welcome and will be used in a support role. Schedules will be flexible depending on the number of volunteers to pull from.

Any interested personnel are asked to contact: Lt. Col. Armand Gabriele/ Lt. Col. Nicholas Vero (152nd AOG) DSN 489-9605 or COM 315-454-6605

## Scholarship opportunity:

2002 Children's Scholarship application available online. Applications for the 2002/2003 academic year from the Federal Children's Scholarship Fund (FCSF) are now available on their website. The two-page application, along with detailed instructions and a listing of all necessary scholarship requirements can be downloaded by going to:  
<http://www.fedscholarships.org>.

Completed applications for the 2002/2003 academic year will be due by June 1, 2002. All Scholarship Awards will be announced on or before August 31, 2002



L to R: Senior Master Sgt. Dave Klasen, Tech Sgt. Greg Giamas, Master Sgt. Sam Giamas and Master Sgt. Dion Adamson celebrate Tech.Sgt. Giamas's graduation from USAF NCO Academy at Goodfellow AFB, Texas. Greg graduated with a 93% average.

**Congratulations!**

## IT'S TIME TO APPLY!!

Anyone wishing to apply for the New York State Education Incentive Program for the **FALL 2002** semester must fill out an application in the Retention Office during the **June UTA**.

As a reminder:

You **must** fill out an application each semester  
You **must** be accepted or currently enrolled in a participating school  
You **must** be in "good standing" in the NYANG  
You **must** be a legal resident of New York State (180 days)  
You **must** carry a minimum six (6) semester hours  
You **must** be matriculated in a degree-producing program  
You **must** apply for all available non-debt producing financial aid (TAP/PELL)

**\*\*Proof of acceptance or denial of TAP and PELL must be submitted with your application.**

If you have any questions please call Senior Master Sgt. Dave Klasen at ext. 161.

## *Air Force Releases Several Specialties from Stop-Loss*

Air Force officials announced April 9 the release of several Air Force Specialty Codes from Stop-Loss, a Defense Department program designed to retain members of the armed forces beyond established dates of separation or retirement. The announcement comes as a result of an Air Force 60-day review and applies across the board to the active duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard forces. Officials emphasized that Stop-Loss is devised to meet all operational requirements in addition to Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom. For instance, they point out, the Armed Forces will continue to conduct operations in Southwest Asia. Stop-Loss does not mean that service members are prohibited from retiring, separating or being discharged. A waiver of stop-loss status may be granted based on specific circumstances, officials said. For the full list of specialties released from Stop-Loss, visit [http://www.af.mil/news/n20020409\\_0549.shtml](http://www.af.mil/news/n20020409_0549.shtml)

## *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents*

The 2002 edition of "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" is now available. This booklet lists the variety of federal benefits available to military veterans and their dependents. Topics covered include health care enrollment, VA claim filing, burial and survivor benefits, and workplace benefits. Download the entire booklet as a PDF file by visiting <http://www.va.gov/pubaff/fedben/Fedben.pdf>. For more on veteran's benefits, also visit the Veterans Help section at [http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=VETERANS\\_VETERANS\\_HELPPAGES.HTM](http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=VETERANS_VETERANS_HELPPAGES.HTM)

## *Air Force Seeking Enlisted Retirees*

Recently retired Air Force enlisted members now have an option to return to active duty under the Voluntary Retired Enlisted Airman EAD recall program. Certain airmen who retired from the regular Air Force within the past three years can return for up to 24 months. They must have served in one of the designated, hard-to-fill specialties and not be within two years of the high-year-of-tenure restriction for the rank they had when retired. Those returning will be brought to active duty for 24 months while the current state of national emergency is in effect. If the national emergency is declared

no longer in effect, the time a retiree will be able to serve on active duty is one year. The VREAD/prior service skill list is available at:

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pubaffairs/release/2002/04/VREAD-skills-list.htm>.

Also visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil> and click on "Want to rejoin the Air Force?" link, call (866) 229-7074, or e-mail [afpc.dpsfm@randolph.af.mil](mailto:afpc.dpsfm@randolph.af.mil).

## *National Guard and Reserve Mobilization Update*

This week the Army and Air Force announce increases of reservists on active duty in support of the partial mobilization, while the Marine Corps and the Navy announce decreases. The net collective result is 657 fewer reservists than last week. Total number currently on active duty in support of the partial mobilization for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 28,670; Naval Reserve, 9,888; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 37,866; Marine Corps Reserve, 4,382; and the Coast Guard Reserve 1,801. This brings the total Reserve and National Guard on active duty to 82,607 from 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and individual augmentees. A cumulative roster of all National Guard and Reserve who are currently on active duty can be found at

<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Apr2002/d20020417ngr.pdf>

## *VA Issues Mastectomy Compensation*

The Department of Veterans Affairs has issued a final regulation that awards special monthly compensation to women veterans with service-related loss of one or both breasts. Such losses may include simple, modified or radical mastectomies. Federal law provides a special monthly benefit of \$80 for certain service-related disabilities suffered by veterans, which now can include mastectomies. The special benefit is paid in addition to VA's regular disability compensation. To qualify, recipients must have their conditions officially recognized by VA as being "service-connected." For more on women veteran programs and benefits, visit

[http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=Veterans\\_Women.htm](http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=Veterans_Women.htm).

For more information on disability compensation, see [http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=Veterans\\_Disability.htm](http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=Veterans_Disability.htm)

# FYI: 174<sup>th</sup> Lodging Info Update

By Senior Master Sgt. Sue Cenci, Services Flight

**Reservations through Services Office:** All local reservations must go through the Services office, even those the member will pay for and put on a travel voucher. All members are to present a credit card to the motel upon check in, even when the unit is paying for the room. This assures the motel has a way of collecting their monies if the member was supposed to pay for the room but mistakenly had the bill be applied to the unit's direct bill.

**Avoid Carrier Circle:** Did you know you could get to the base from the Fairfield Inn, Microtel, and Super 8 motels without going on Carrier Circle? When you leave the motel turn left at the stop sign (onto Court Street Road). Go to the traffic light and turn left again (Kinne Street). Go over the Thruway on Kinne Street, then take the second left (still Kinne Street – Collamer Road takes over the road you were on and veers to the right). Follow Kinne Street to the traffic light on Molloy Road (on your left will be McShane's restaurant). Turn left onto Molloy Road and follow it to the base. If you need these instructions in map format, contact the Services office at 454-6264.

**Excess Charges:** Members who use lodging in active duty status pay for their lodging and get reimbursed when they submit a travel voucher. Below are the current rates\* the base is charged for the motels we use. Members need to make sure they are charged only the rates below – no additional fees unless personally requested.

## Sunday – Thursday\*\* Friday – Saturday\*\*

COMFORT INN	-	\$33.00 single or double
\$43.00 single or double		
FAIRFIELD INN	-	\$33.00 single or double
\$43.00 single or double		
HAMPTON INN	-	\$31.00 single or double
\$43.00 single or double		
MICROTEL	-	\$29.00 single (no double-
No change in rate		-rooms in the motel)
RED ROOF INN	-	\$39.00 single or double
No change in rate		
SUPER 8***	-	\$29.00 single or double
\$31.00 single or double		

\*Note 1: Occasionally other arrangements are made that affect the rates – this takes place on a one-by-one basis (e.g., when a member is staying long term and has a mini-microwave/refrigerator some motels charge a few dollars more per night).

\*\*Note 2: Members who have a roommate pay only half the cost of the room on the night(s) the room is shared.

\*\*\*Note 3: Do not pay safe or telephone fees at the Super 8. The Microtel has a telephone fee you may elect to pay if you plan to use the telephone, but you will not be reimbursed for this fee.

## Going away party for Master Sgt. Marie Nowlin

June 08, 2002, 6 pm at the VFW Hall, Taft Rd

Come say "Danke Schoen" to "Queen IEU" for  
18 years of service  
\$15 per person

RSVP by 03 June to:

Master Sgt. Carol Campbell 454-6177  
Master Sgt. Donna Giambalvo 454-6249  
Master Sgt. Sam Giamas 454-6167  
Technical Sgt. Brenda Shepard 454-6628

## Retirement Party for Chief Master Sergeant Gary A. Scheirer

June 15, 2002, 1 pm to 7 pm  
Kirkville Fire Department, Kirkville, New York

Casual, casual, casual!!! There's nothin' formal about it!

BBQ Chicken with all the fixin's!  
Beer, wine, soda, coffee and tea!  
\$20 per person

POC: Master Sgt. Terri Scanlin 454-6149  
Master Sgt. Kevin Scanlin 454-6276  
Senior Master Sgt. Kathie Hepp 454-6147  
Senior Master Sgt. Joe Gianetto 454-6404

**DEADLINE: JUNE 4**



Ron Friedmen of Synergetics Productions gives direction to Master Sgt. Eugene Roberts before filming him at his work station in the 174th FW Avionics Shop. Synergetics Productions was contracted by the Syracuse International Airport to produce a new video for the big screen you can view in the lobby area of the airport. Three minutes of the video is dedicated to the 174th Fighter Wing as part of the Hancock Field complex. Three members of the 174th, including Sgt. Roberts will appear in the video showing them working at the Air Guard job and civilian job. They will also be briefly interviewed. The new video will be completed in a few months, so keep your eye on the big screen at the airport. You may be surprised who shows up.



## **RECRUITING**

**1-800-883-4484**

**MSgt Noel Adamson, MSgt Heidi Diaz,  
TSgt Richard Doctor, TSgt Brad Addison**

### **New Recruits**

Two drill instructors from the 27th Brigade, NY Army Guard volunteered their time to provide pre-basic training instructions to a group from the 174<sup>th</sup> FW Student Flight. Check the recruit with his hands in his pockets...not for long!



## **Community Calendar of Events**

Projected calendar of events for spring/summer

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Location:</b>
<b>29 May</b>	<b>COMREL (Mayor Driscoll)</b>	<b>Dining Hall</b>
<b>30 May</b>	<b>Memorial Ceremony</b>	<b>Hancock Field Memorial Park</b>
<b>1-2 Jun</b>	<b>Annual Great NE Airshow</b>	<b>Oneida Co Airport</b>
<b>8 Jun</b>	<b>Armed Forces Celebration</b>	<b>P&amp;C Stadium</b>
<b>21-23 Jun</b>	<b>Jazz Festival</b>	<b>OCC Campus</b>
<b>26 Jun</b>	<b>COMREL (Exec Director, Salvation Army of Syracuse)</b>	<b>Dining Hall</b>
<b>6-7 Jul</b>	<b>Syracuse Airshow (Thunderbirds)</b>	<b>Syracuse Airport</b>
<b>8 - 19 Jul</b>	<b>Junior Police Academy</b>	<b>Hancock Field</b>
<b>13 Jul</b>	<b>Geneseo Airshow</b>	<b>Geneseo, NY</b>
<b>14 Jul</b>	<b>Boilermaker Road Race</b>	<b>Utica, NY</b>
<b>31 Jul</b>	<b>COMREL (TAG)</b>	<b>Dining Hall</b>
<b>11 Aug</b>	<b>NASCAR Race</b>	<b>Watkins Glen</b>
<b>22 Aug - 2 Sep</b>	<b>State Fair</b>	<b>NY Fairgrounds</b>
<b>7 Sep</b>	<b>Family Day</b>	<b>Hancock Field</b>

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